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TAGS: OVIP (FRANGIE, SLEIMAN) PFOR LE US

SUBJ: PRESIDENT FRANGIE'S ATTENDANCE AT UNGA DEBATE ON PALESTINE

REF: STATE 240587

1. WE HAVE BEEN ENDEAVORING CONFIRM PRES FRANGIE'S UN PLANS, BUT OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN PLAGUED BY SLOW RETURN OF SENIOR GOL OFFICIALS FROM RABAT (DIB, PRESIDENTIAL CHEF DU CABINET, STILL IN PARIS AS OF NOV 1) AND BY LACK OF KNOWLEDGEABLE FONOFF OFFICIALS. (YESTERDAY WAS HOLIDAY--ALL SAINTS DAY). ACCORDING REPORT TRIP WAS DISCUSSED DURING FIRST MEETING WITH NEW CABINET WITH FRANGIE AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE NOV 1.

2. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR TO BAGHDAD, SUHAIL SHAMMAS, TOLD DCM EVENING NOV 1 THAT HE EXPECTS ACCOMPANY FRANGIE AND NEW FONMIN TAQLA TO NEW YORK AND THAT HE HAD ADVISED THEM DEPART BEIRUT 3-4 DAYS PRIOR TO OPENING OF GA DEBATE NOV 13, BUT HE ADDED THAT DECISION RE DEPARTURE TIME HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE. FONOFF DIRECTOR OF UN AFFAIRS (HADDAD), AFTER CHECKING WITH FONMIN TAQLA MORNING OF NOV 2, TOLD EMBOFF THAT DECISION FOR
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FRANGIE'S TRIP TO NEW YORK HAD BEEN MADE IN PRINCIPLE,

BUT THAT NO RPT NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE AS TO
TIMING, COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION OR PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM AT UN.

3. WE NOTE ALSO (BEIRUT 13138 AND STATE 241032) THAT
MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES HAS ALREADY BEGUN STEPS TO OBTAIN
CLEARANCE FOR SPECIAL CHARTER FLIGHT TO CARRY PRES FRANGIE'S
PARTY TO NEW YORK.

4. WE WILL REPORT DETAILS RE TIMING AND COMPOSITION OF
FRANGIE DELEGATION AS SOON AS WE CAN OBTAIN THEM.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SECRETARY'S PARTY.

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